

Amendments to the Specification

Please cancel all specification amendments (shown below) submitted on December 19, 2008.

Please remove the following paragraph after paragraph 15:

FIG. 4 is an expanded side view of the distal portion of embolectomy device 300 of figure 1A.

FIG. 5 is a diagrammatic side view of the distal portion of element 324 of embolectomy device 300 of figure 1A.

Please remove the following paragraph after paragraph 17:

The following more particularly describes the features of the embolectomy device of FIG 1A using FIGs 4 and 5, which are enlargements of the distal portions of FIG 1A. Distal device 304 has elongate member 314 that has a center line 346. The elongate member has a proximal region 320, an intermediate region 322, a distal region 324, distal tip 328 and a region 326. Line 340 is parallel to and offset from the longitudinal axis of the catheter. Proximate region 326 has a first section 332 and a second section 330, which meet at 342. The distal end of section 330 is indicated at 344. As a geometrical construct and not as a physical feature, one can put a tangent line (not illustrated) at any place along the centerline.